



IN TOUCH NEWSLETTER

3rd February 2023

As I'm sure you already know, Miss Adamson has had her baby: a beautiful boy called Hector. I'm sure you'll join us all to send her and her partner our love and congratulations. We're all looking forward to lots of cuddles! Meanwhile, the children in Danube Class have adapted admirably to the arrival of Mrs Fletcher and are working hard and producing some wonderful work (some of which can be seen on the website). The rest of the school are busy too, as I hope this newsletter shows: it's been another very busy term at Fressingfield Primary.

NUMBER DAY

We've had a very busy day celebrating NSPCC Number Day. The children looked absolutely brilliant in their costumes and face-paints. Across the school, children have been exploring number patterns when adding, multiplying, dividing and subtracting and noticing the patterns in their times tables. As a school we have raised £85.71 so far for the NSPCC. Well done Ms Perry for organising it all!

PARENTS EVENINGS

We will be holding parents evenings after school on Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th February. If you haven't yet signed up, please contact the office or pop in to Reception after school. We hope to see every family.

WORLD BOOK DAY

We are all looking forward to World Book Day (which we will be celebrating on Friday 3rd March) and £1 Book Tokens have been sent home today. These can be exchanged for one of this year's special books, or be used to buy a more expensive book. Please come dressed as your favourite book character on the day and be ready to take part in a special day of book-based fun. There is a video about the day here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vdccagpayek8>



PERFECT POETRY

Danube Class have written some wonderful poems using the five senses in our school grounds. Mrs Fletcher has uploaded some of these onto the school website for you to enjoy. We hope you like them!

SAFEGUARDING & YOUTUBE

One of our biggest areas of concern regarding keeping children safe is online safety. It seems children are accessing inappropriate material from a younger and younger age. But, there *are* things that can be done to ensure their browsing experiences are safe and enjoyable. Please read the following information about age ratings: <https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/what-age-can-my-child-start-social-networking/> and <https://parentzone.org.uk/article/pegi-games-ratings> Further information can also be found here: www.internetmatters.org

Youtube is a fantastic resource but it can also be an unsafe place if children are allowed to view age-inappropriate content. It is worth remembering that the minimum age for having a personal Youtube account and posting videos is 13 (the minimum age for Tiktok is also 13), but even for viewing videos, age-appropriate precautions should be taken. Youtube Kids can be set at three levels (4 and under, 5-8 and 9-12). Details of how to do this can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/myfamily/>. You can also find information about how to set limits to screentime, block videos and more. Please support us to keep our children safe online. Thank you.



GARDENING SUPPLIES

The children in Gardening Club would like to say, "Thank you!" to CTS for donating brand new trowels and forks to us, to FOFSA for providing compost, and to Three Willows for our seeds for the year. They are also looking forward to the arrival of their new polytunnel to replace the one built several years ago. When it arrives, they are hoping for a team of willing volunteers to help put it up—we'll keep you posted!



BRILLIANT BOCCIA!

Well done Kayden, Maisie, Rio and George who represented the school at the Boccia tournament this week. It sounds as though they had a fantastic time and finished third overall.

PLEASE SHUT THE GATE

If you drop your child off at Breakfast Club in the morning, please shut the gate with the bolt both when you come in and when you leave. We need to make sure our school grounds are kept secure. Thank you.

FOODBANK

If you and your family are struggling and you need some food, please contact Rev Susan on 01379 388493.



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GYMNASTICS TOURNAMENT & CHANGES TO SPORTS CLUBS

For the first year ever, we will be taking teams of children to a Gymnastics Competition in Ipswich on 17th March. In order to give our teams the chance to learn their routines, we will be making some changes to the sports clubs for the first four weeks after half term. After half term, the Thursday KS2 Sports Club will only be open to the Gymnastics Team. Instead, we are inviting all those who currently attend the Thursday club to come instead to the Wednesday after school club. This means the Girls Can club on Wednesdays will be open to both boys and girls for four weeks. After the competition, on Wednesday 22nd March, all clubs will revert to normal for the rest of the term. We're sorry for the disruption caused, but we want to give our teams the best possible chance of success on the day. Thanks.

BIKEABILITY

24 children in Years 5 and 6 took part in Bikeability training last week achieving either their Level 1 or Level 2 certificates. They learnt how to ride with control and road awareness, and how to keep themselves safe when negotiating junctions, parked cars, etc. Well done all!



DR POULTER MP AND THE DENTISTS

When we met Dr Poulter MP last term, we raised our community's concerns about the shortage of dentists in our area and the impact this is having on our children. He informed us that there were plans for a new dental college in Ipswich. If you are still unable to access NHS Dental Care, we advise parents to contact Dr Poulter directly on daniel.poulter.mp@parliament.uk

TIMES TABLE ROCK STARS

All the children in Year 2 now have their log-ins to Times Table Rock Stars and they've had a brilliant week learning their 2, 5 and 10 times tables. We've been really impressed with the children's improving speed with their tables— which is so important— and how quickly they are moving up the charts to Rock God status!

NO JEWELLERY PLEASE

We don't allow children to wear necklaces, bracelets or dangly earrings at school. Only plain stud earrings are allowed. Thank you.

DATE	EVENT
Fri 20th Jan	Chinese New Year
Mon 23rd—Thurs 26th Jan	Bikeability for Year 5 and Year 6
Thurs 26th Jan	School Nurse Checks Year Reception
Fri 27th—Sun 29th Jan	Big School's Bird Watch Weekend
Mon 30th Jan	Boccia
Tue 31st Jan	Junior Road Safety Officers meeting Ann Battershill from Suffolk CC
Fri 3rd Feb	NSPCC Number Day
Tue 7th Feb	Safer Internet Day
Tue 7th Feb	Y5/6 Orienteering Event Hartismere 12.45pm—3pm
Wed 8th -Thurs 9th Feb	Parents Evenings
Mon 13th—Frid 17th Feb	HALF TERM
Fri 3rd March	World Book Day
Fri 3rd March	FOFSA Film Night 3.15pm— 5.30pm
Mon 13th—Fri 17th March	Science Week
Tue 14th March	Wonderdome (Whole School)
Fri 17th March	Sports Relief Day
Fri 17th March	Key Steps Gymnastics 9.30am—12.30pm Teams from KS1, Y3/4 and Y5/6
Tue 21st March	'Bee' Netball 12pm—2.45pm
Fri 24th March	Cross Country Y4,5,6 1pm—2.45pm
Mon 27th March	Swimming Gala Framlingham 9.30am—12pm
Wed 29th March	Quicksticks Hockey Magpies 12pm—2.45pm
Thur 30th March	Easter Service and Cups 9.30—10.30am
Fri 31st March	PD Day—School Closed
Mon 1st— Fri 16th April	Easter Holidays
Thurs 20th April	Suffolk Farm and Country Fair Y3/4 10am—2pm

